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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0088] with the following amended paragraph:

A1 [0088] In a preferred embodiment and as previously mentioned, fax cover sheet 200 is configured such that the patient and [user] doctor access information [on information] regions 215 and 220 is covered or obscured until used by a patient. For instance, regions 215 and 220 may be covered with a scratch-off material 230 which covers the information, similar to a lottery ticket or the like. When a doctor provides the form to a patient that wishes to register in the system, the patient scratches off the covering of regions 215 and 220 in order to expose the information underneath. In this manner, the patient's password and access codes remain confidential until the form is used. Of course, the present invention contemplates that any method known for covering or obscuring the information is within the scope of the invention.

Please replace paragraph [0089] with the following amended paragraph:

A2 [0089] Figure [16] 14 is a flow chart that illustrates the steps that are employed, according to one embodiment of the invention, to use a fax cover sheet such as form 200 of Figure 13. At step 1500, barcode and user information (such as user ID number 235, user password 240 and access code 245 shown in Figure 13) is stored in the system. In this embodiment, barcode generator

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130 is employed to generate barcodes which are incorporated into the preprinted registration forms. In addition, the record locations in storage means 150 corresponding to each of these barcodes are stored in the system when the preprinted forms are generated. Therefore, this embodiment differs from the previously described system in which the corresponding record locations are not generated in storage means 150 until a cover sheet bearing the barcode is faxed to processor 108.

Please replace paragraph [0093] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0093] At step 1535, the patient separates patient access information region 215 of access information region 210 from form 200. In addition, the patient scratches off scratch-off region 230 in order to expose user ID number 235, user password 240 and access code 245. Similarly, at step 1540, doctor access information region 220 of access information region 210 is separated from form 200, either by the patient or by the medical practitioner. In addition, the medical practitioner scratches off scratch-off region 230 in order to expose user ID number 235 and access code 245.
